

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 30, 2017

The Pittsburg State University Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017 in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center with Janice Jewett, President, presiding.

### Past Minutes

Minutes for December 12, 2016 meeting approved.

### Announcements

#### *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Lynette Olson*

Dr. Olson advised that Dr. Scott was responding to the national news of an Executive Order banning travel from 7 countries. Dr. Scott's statement aligns with that of a statement released by the American Association of State Colleges (AASCUE). At the BOR meeting COCAO took action on curriculum items and approved with great interest our minor in packaging through Graphics and Imaging. Believing the minor showed real initiative. Dr. Scott has also formed a Budget work group consisting of members of the Strategic Plan Council and is representative of campus, the four colleges and Faculty Senate as well as other governing units. The group plans on holding forums on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This group will not determine where cuts could be made, but instead developing guiding principles in case cuts are necessary. Group and University is seeking input.

Mr. Bob Kehle asked about State of California banning travel reimbursement to employees traveling to Kansas, which had been in recent news releases. It was agreed it could impact athletic conference events and this is not a list the state wishes to be a part of. The California decision was based on recent Kansas legislation regarding the LGBT community

#### *General Education Review Committee – Phil McNew, Mike Carper, Steve Horner and Katherine Hooey*

Mr. McNew reported the continuation of focus groups to include Student Government and Unclassified staff as well as Alumni board. The website has updates in process and focus groups are obtaining great ideas from other U.S. colleges. The committee has been working to keep expenses at a minimum with limited travel.

#### *PSU/KNEA – Dr. Khamis Siam, President*

Dr. Siam spoke of KNEA starting back on negotiations. Bargaining Council doing 4 focus groups starting on February 7. Heartened by fact that Dr. Scott started budgeting process. Good turnout of 25 people attended recent social event.

#### *Student Senate Remarks – Nathan Diddle, Senator*

Mr. Diddle spoke of Scantrons distribution to faculty and preference that they be able to show ID, availability of free printing, office hours being from 8:00-5:00 (but could be closed at times for lack of staff coverage) and that tentative election dates were to be March 12 through April 7. Other upcoming dates included: April 8 for Big Event and that nominations of outstanding faculty are open through February 26. An email was also sent to faculty regarding the faculty grant and recipient will be announced in April.

#### *Unclassified Senate Remarks – Erin Sullivan, President*

Ms. Sullivan introduced herself adding she had nothing to report and her appreciation of the invitation.

#### *University Support Staff – Michael Woodrum, President*

Mr. Woodrum announced that the incentive survey had recently concluded, but he had not seen the results as yet. The March meeting of USS will serve as the General Education focus group for support staff.

#### *Faculty Senate President – Dr. Janice Jewett, President*

Dr. Jewett began by recapping recent activity pertaining to the conceal carry law. We learned that many of our peer universities were presenting resolutions to repeal the July 1 expiration exception for college campuses. Based on surveys conducted across the state, PSU rated as next to last in opposition, suggesting more in favor of conceal and carry than other colleges in the state. There was a great deal of discussion on what actions PSU could take. The recommendation was made to contact our representatives in Topeka, warning not to use university resources to do so. It was noted that at the January board meeting announcements were made regarding legislatures were getting 50 or more

calls a day as well as letters in high volume in opposition, which can make a huge difference. Discussion continued about PSU initiating our own resolution. After multiple motions a final motion was made by Bob Kehle to have Faculty Senate executive board draft a resolution objecting to concealed weapons on the PSU campus prior to the February meeting and share with faculty senate members in advance of the meeting. Senators would gain the perspective of those they represent in their departments and vote based on the consensus of their peers. This motion passed with 30 in favor, none opposed, and 3 abstaining.

Dr. Jewett continued her report noting that General Education legislation process was discussed further after the December meeting. Minimum AP scores are still being discussed for Psychology and Chemistry and with the exception of Art History (4), Algebra-based Physics (4) and Calculus-based Physics (5), a minimum score of 3 will suffice for other courses.

After discussion on procedures for Gen Ed committee approval for course legislation at the January Faculty Senate meeting, it was agreed the process noted in the flow chart on the Faculty Senate website should be the process followed. Curriculum items that are also needing approval of the General Education Committee will need the approval of this committee prior to moving to the Undergrad Curriculum Committee. This will not impact action taken on any curricular items at the December or January meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Academic Affairs Committee – Jorge Leon, Chair*

Committee met and reviewed changes presented by the Registrar's Office. Most items were presented to update language or clarify processes. The plan is to bring these proposals to Faculty Senate's February meeting.

#### *Undergraduate Curriculum – James McBain, Chair*

Dr. McBain announced that curricular items, as found in the agenda, were approved by committee and there were a couple of friendly suggestions for revisions prior to the final document presented. The committee submitted as a package for senate vote. Passed unanimously.

#### *Departmental Academic Honors – Michelle Hudiburg, Chair*

Deadline had passed, projects were varied and now complete. Appreciate the timely responses from everyone.

#### *Honors College – Susan Schreiner, Chair*

There were 77 applications for Honors College received for review. Qualified applicants will be invited for interviews.

#### *Writing Across the Curriculum – Laura Covert, Chair*

Sondra Cox reported that stipend requests should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### *Faculty Affairs – Susan Schreiner, Chair*

Advised that only \$12,500 remain out of the original \$90,000 in the Faculty Development fund.

#### *Constitution Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

No proposals as yet, will be following up.

#### *General Education Committee – Mark Johnson, Chair*

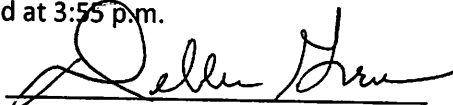
Met on the 19<sup>th</sup> with task force. Great conversation.

**Unfinished Business**     None

**New Business**             None

**Open Forum** Mr. Kehle advised there were 17 tickets remaining for the Count Basie Orchestra performing on March 3.

**Meeting Adjourned**             Motion to adjourn was approved at 3:55 p.m.



Debbie Greve, Recording Secretary

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP  
(2016-2017)**

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Book, (Women's Studies)	X	X	X	X	X				
Bowman, (Art)	X	X	X*	X	X				
Butler, (Physics)	X	X	X		X				
Clanton, (Music)	X	X	X	X	X				
Cooper, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X				
Cox, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Daley, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Elliott, (Technology & Workforce Learning)	X			X					
Fincher, (Teaching and Leadership)	X	X	X	X					
Franklin, (English and Modern Languages)		X	X		X				
Gupta, (Chemistry)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hendershot, (Family & Consumer Sciences)		X	X	X	X				
Herring, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hite, (Nursing)	X	X	X	X	X				
Hudiburg, (At-Large)	X		X		X				
Huffman, (Graphics and Imaging Tech)	X				X				
Jewett, (President)	X	X	X	X	X				
Johnson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Kehle, (At-Large)		X	X	X	X				
Krepps, (English and Modern Languages)	X	X*	X	X	X				
Lawson, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X				
Leon, (Library Services)	X	X	X	X	X				
Livingston, (Communication)		X	X	X	X				
Maceli, (Management and Marketing)	X	X	X	X	X				
McBain, (History, Philosophy & Social Sci)	X	X	X	X	X				
McClaskey, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
McKinnis, (Economics, Finance, & Banking)		X	X		X				
McNew, (Engineering Technology)	X	X	X	X	X				
Morris, (School of Construction)	X	X	X	X	X				
Norman, (Automotive Technology)	X	X	X	X					
Paul, (At-Large) replaced Peterson Sp 17					X				
Peterson, Mark, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X					
Runyan, (At-Large)	X	X	X		X				
Samuels, (Past President)	X			X	X				
Schiefelbein, (At-Large)	X	X		X	X				
Shay, (Military Science)									
Shewmake, (Health, Human Perform & Rec)	X	X	X	X	X				
Siam, (At-Large)	X	X	X	X	X				
Snow, (Biology)	X		X	X	X				
Spera, (Psychology and Counseling)	X	X	X	X	X				
Thuong, (Mathematics)	X	X	X	X	X				
Yarick, (Accounting & Computer Inf Systems)	X	X	X	X	X				
Univ Support Staff Senate Representative	X	X	X	X	X				
Unclassified Senate Representative					X				
Student Government Representative	X	X	X		X				

\*Brian Moots substituted for Myriam Krepps at the October meeting. Li-Lin Tseng substituted for Portico Bowman at the November meeting.

Susan Schreiner attended the October meeting. Lindsey Taggart attended the October and December meeting. Eric Harris attended the December meeting.